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FM AMEMBASSY BANGUI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7525

INFO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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SUBJECT: CAR NORMALIZES RELATIONS WITH PRC

REF: BANGUI 1527

1. CAR ANNOUNCED TODAY RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS
WITH PRC. ANNOUNCEMENT WAS IN FORM OF BRIEF JOINT
COMMUNIQUE DATED AUGUST 20 SIGNED BY CAR PRESIDENT
BOKASSA AND PRC AMBASSADOR TO ZAIRE, WHICH WAS READ
ON 1315 NEWS BY ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER. IN CONFORMITY
WITH PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE, CAR AND PRC
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HAD DECIDED FOLLOWING "FRIENDLY CONSULTATIONS"

TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 20. THIS WOULD INCLUDE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS AND EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS.

2. COMMUNIQUE FAILED TO MENTION ROC, WHOSE EMBASSY HERE WAS SURROUNDED BY SOLDIERS THIS MORNING. LOCAL STAFF OF EMBASSY PREVENTED FROM ENTERING; CHINESE STAFF ALLOWED TO ENTER BUT NOT TO LEAVE. OUR DCM WAS TURNED AWAY IN EFFORT TO VISIT, BEING TOLD "NOT NOW." KOREAN EMBASSY HAS HEARD THAT ROC STAFF BEING GIVEN ONE WEEK TO LEAVE, BUT IT IS UNABLE TO CONFIRM. WE WILL ASK FOREIGN MINISTRY ABOUT WELFARE OF ROC STAFF AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY.

3. COMMENT: FACT OF RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH PRC TEN YEARS AFTER THEY WERE BROKEN WAS NOT ALTOGETHER UNEXPECTED GIVEN INFO REPORTED REFTEL, BUT CAR MOVED MORE QUICKLY THAN ONE WOULD HAVE ANTICIPATED FOR A COUNTRY WHICH HAD ITS FOREIGN MINISTER IN TAIPEI 11 DAYS AGO. AS YET WE HAVE NO INDICATION WHAT AID PACKAGE IF ANY PRC OFFERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH RE-ESTABLISHMENT. QUANTON

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